



## Indiana Community Energy Challenge, 2019 | Program Guidelines

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**Funding Summary:** The Indiana Office of Energy Development (OED) is launching a competitive community challenge grant to highlight several categories of interest that will support community energy resilience and initiatives. Funding for this grant comes from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and is administered by OED. Eligible applicants that meet minimum program requirements will be eligible to receive up to \$30,000.00.

**Overview:** The U.S. Department of Energy defines resilience as “the ability to prepare for and adapt to changing conditions and withstand and recover rapidly from disruptions.” Reinforcing local infrastructure and diversifying energy sources to withstand extreme events such as severe weather or man-made events is key to creating resilience.

**Funding Goal:** The Office of Energy Development (OED) intends to enhance community and municipal resilience with a focus on key infrastructure. Municipalities, public safety utilities and schools can benefit from resiliency improvements in a variety of ways, such as reducing overall energy costs including decreased maintenance-related costs through the use of a new technology. By diversifying energy sources, upgrading technology and reducing energy consumption, grantees may also mitigate their exposure to price volatility and improve their access to affordable energy.

**Available Funding:**

Each applicant will be eligible to receive an award up to \$30,000.

**Eligible Applicants:**

Eligible applicants include municipal/local units of government including public safety (police, fire, EMS and emergency management), municipal utilities or schools and universities. Projects must meet Category A criteria, plus one or more of the remaining categories to be considered:

**Category A Criteria:**

- Grantees must provide matching funds in the amount of at least **\$30,000**

**Category B Criteria:**

- Project must support infrastructure improvements and demonstrate that it enhances resilience to key government, public safety, municipal utility or educational facilities;
- Project must evaluate all energy sources and technologies including traditional energy resources as well as renewables including natural gas, propane, steam, fuel oil, solar voltaics (Solar PV), geothermal (ground or air-source heat pumps), biomass or battery storage;
- Projects may also support efficient HVAC systems and control components, windows/doors or insulation suitable for both existing municipal/public buildings and new construction.

## Project Requirements:

- Meet all of the application requirements, including, but not limited to developing work plans, budgets, maintenance plans, obtain insurance and/or permit approvals (where required), and be prepared to comply with grant administration protocols defined in the guidelines;
- Have a 5-year maintenance plan detailing ongoing maintenance schedules and milestones after project completion;
- Submit quarterly status reports to the OED beginning 12/30/19 after award notification.

## Projects must not:

- Duplicate or replace funding for an existing private or public program

## Timelines:

**Project Proposals are due October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 by 5:00 PM EDT. The following items must be put into one zip file and sent to [grants@oed.in.gov](mailto:grants@oed.in.gov):**

1. Application Form
2. Project Narrative
3. Budget
4. Quotes and Literature for Selected Technology
5. Project Calculations
6. NEPA Questionnaire (if applicable)
7. SHPO Section 106 Assurance
8. Certifications and Assurances Signature Page
9. Organization Registration with Secretary of State
10. Installer Certification and Licensure, if applicable

## Resources for Your Grant Application:

Applicants can contact their local Clean Cities Coalition for technical assistance. Clean Cities Coalitions are supported by the US Department of Energy and serve as a resource for fleets that seek to deploy alternative fuels and technologies.

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